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Rev. T. O. Bryant, J. W. Moore.
F. E. Robinson.

PROCEEDINGS

TUESDAY—Morning Session.

The Beulah Baptist Association met with the First Baptist Church of Conway, Northampton Co., N. C., in its Tenth Annual Session on Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October 1912, Rev. K. S. Jacobs presiding. Praise service for about thirty minutes was conducted by Revs. A. W. Ivey and C. T. Vaughan. at the close of said service. "Jesus Lover of my Soul" was sung by the choir, then Rev. T. O. Bryant. the pastor of the church, made us a feeling and hearty welcome address saying he had been looking for us, though few in number, but like busy bees, every one had been doing something to make our stay with them a pleasant one. Rev. W. B. Waff, pastor of the white Baptist Church of Conway, made the Association welcome on the part of the white Baptist of Conway, he congratulated us on the progress we were making under the auspices of their Missionary leaders through the leaders of our people. Fitting and pleasant responses were given by Revs. A. W. Ivey C.T. Vaughan, F. W. Jacobs and the Moderator who further added that he hoped we would in every respect so demean ourselves becoming our calling. The Committee on arrangements submitted the following report:—Meet at 10 a. m. adjourn at 1 p. m., re-assemble at 2 p. m., and adjourn at 4 p. m., for night service meet at 8 o'clock and adjourn at pleasure. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Swett. H, W. World,
W. M. Flythe, S. Brittle,
T. O. Bryant. Committee.

The list of churches was called and the names of messengers enrolled as follows:

Antioch—L. Powell.
First Baptist, Rich Square—G. G. Maggett.
First Baptist, Conway—A. J. Parker.
Second Baptist Potecasi—W. J. Weaver.
Second Baptist, Creeksville—G. G. Maggett, J. L. Bowers.

Branches Chapel—W. M. Boon, A. Odom.
Boon's Chapel—E. Dickson.
Cumbo Chapel—C. W, Jacobs, M. Tann.
Chapel Hill—J. W. Moore, L. Jacobs,
Hill's Chapel—C. L. Whitehead, M. D. Durran.
Nebo Chapel—R. Lassiter, R. Maddrey.
Patillo's Chapel—J. B. Hamlin.
Piney Grove—M. C. Peebles, L. Plummer.
Roanoke Salem—Jett Garress, E. L. Arrington.
St. Paul—L. Flythe.
Zoar—O. Wood, F. E. Robinson.

The following committees were appointed:—on Finance, Examination, Sunday Schools, Obiturry and Education. A collection of $5.52 was taken up. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. W. Blacknall.

TUESDAY—Afternoon Session.

The Association reassembled at 2 p. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. W. B. Whittaker and M. Gatling. Rev. Gatling lined hymn 507, which was sung by the Association, Rev. Whittaker read the 62nd chapter of Isaiah. Prayer led by Rev. Gatling. The meeting being opened, the minutes of the forenoon session were read and approved, Rev. J. W. Blacknall, assisted by Rev. E. W. Jocobs now proceeded to preach the introductory sermon, hymn 419 was sung and 17 verses of the 8th chapter of Deuteronomy were read, prayer led by Rev. F. W. Jacobs next hymn sung was 715. Taking a part of the 11th verse of the above named chapter, Rev. Blacknall preached a strong, soul stirring sermon to the delight of all that heard him, at the conclusion of his sermon Rev. Outlaw led in prayer. "Just as I am without one plea" was sung and a collection taken amounting to $2.51. The following committees were appointed:—Time and Place, Resolutions and Officers. Revs. Cooper, Simons and Sessoms were introduced to the body. For the comfort and convenience of our people during the session of this association. Rev. J. S. Sills got the promise from proper authority, better railroad accommodations to, and from the town of Conway. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. Sills.

TUESDAY—Night Session.

Quite a number met at 8 o'clock to hear preaching by Rev. Richard Cooper; his text was taken from the 10th

chapter of Luke, 27th verse. His discourse was pleasing and well taken. Delightful music was rendered by the choir, a collection of $3.00 was taken up and adjourned with benediction by Rev. Haithcock.

WEDNESDAY—Morning Session.

The Association met promptly at 9 o'clock a. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. F. W. Jacobs and W. Haithcock. Hymn sung 718. First divison of Psalms was read, prayer led by Rev. Harrison. Next hymn sung was 674. The minutes of the previous afternoon session were read and approved. Rev. Blacknall now took up the Topic, "Do deacons have a right to baptize and administer the Lord's Supper," Rev. Blacknall plainly showed by the Bible that the deacon had no right to baptize and administer the Lord's Supper, that his work consisted of the temporal affairs of the church only. Rev. W. T. Askew claimed that the deacons, as servants for the pastor, could baptize and administer the Lord's Supper under the direction of their pastor. God made the preacher, and the preacher made the deacon. Revs. Thompson, Ivey and others concurred with the argument supported by the other speakers. The discussion became spirited with some dissension, but the deacons were not permitted the privilege to baptize and administer the Lord's Supper.

Mrs. Winnie B. Williams was then allowed to make a speech in the interest of her work, the Colored Reform School at the close of her pleasing little speech, she was given a collection of $5.50, which she had the pleasuse of increasing to $10.50 before leaving the Association. There was also taken up a collection of ministers and deacon's fees amounting to $34.00. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. Sills.

WEDNESDAY—Afternoon Session.

The Association reassembled at 2 o'clock p. m. Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. D. W. Bradley and E. Boon. Hymn sung 637. First division of Psalms was read, prayer led by Rev. Bradley, next hymn sung was 640. The minutes of the forenoon session were read. Rev. Askew about to leave us, bade us God speed in our good work, and prayed God's blessing upon us, one verse of "We shall meet at Jesu's feet" was sung. The minutes of the forenoon session

were then approved. The report on Sunday Schools were received and adopted, and the committee discharged. Representing his work at Rich Square, Rev. W. S. Creecy spoke from Romans 11-13. "Magnify your office", a whole soul talk was made by Rev. Creecy. At the conclusion of his Sermon a collection of $28.50. was given him. There was also preaching in the grove by Revs. J. J. Thompson and G. W. Thomas. Benediction by Rev. A. W. Ivey.

WEDNESDAY—Night Session.

At 8 o'clock, a good gathering greeted the silver tongued orator, Rev. C. C. Somerville of Ebeneezer Church, Portsmouth, Va. Hymn 718 was announced by Rev. F. W. Jacobs, it was sung by the choir, after prayer by Rev. Jacobs, a solo "Send a ray of light" was sung by Brother Willard Swett, accompanied with music performed on the organ by Mrs. John Ramsey, it was nicely rendered. Then Rev. Somerville chose his text from 2nd Chap. Epistle of Paul to the Ephesians, a part of the 7th verse, the subject of his discourse, "the evolution of God's purpose." The Rev. Somerville clearly defined that in the arts and science, and even in the creation of the world, things were done f6r a purpose, he held his audience spell-bound as usual to the end of his discourse. After prayer by Rev. Outlaw, a collection was taken amounting to $5.25. Benediction by Rev. C. C. Boon.

THURSDAY—Morning Session.

The Association met at 9 o'clock promptly. Devotional exercises were conducted by Revs. K. E. Grant and D. W. Bradley. Hymn 987 was sung. The 6th chapter of Matthew was read, pray offered by Rev. Grant. "Nearer my God to Thee" was sung by the choir. The minutes of the previous afternoon session were read, as no objection or correction was offered the minute stood approved. The following committees on Time, Place and Obituary, submitted their reports, which were received and adopted. Rev. Blacknall was then allowed to speak in the interest of his work, he said he could not look for great things, because the largest churches in this country were not members of this association and they were not therefore engaged in

home enterprise, but he expested something, at the conclusion of his talk he was given a collection of $12.15. The Committee on officers submitted their report which was received and adopted.

Dr. Brown general missionary for the State of North Carolina was glad to meet us, and would have had much to say, especially on foreign missions, had it not been for the presence of Rev. C. C. Boon just from the dark continent. Rev. C. C. Boon gave us an interesting sketch of his stay and travel in Africa, in the small space of time given him, Rev. Boon said, on his arrival in Africa, he was quite surprised to see houses, constructed somewhat like ours, but not up-to-date like ours. He spoke of one town of 4000 inhabitants, and not a single officer to preside over them from morn till night. Law and order prevailed, but when one stepped beyond that line, capital punishment was inflicted. They had their courts of justice, their quaint ways of trying cases, but swift and direct in conclusions. He said when elephants went on their tramps, small buildings were moved and medium size timber trees were pulled up by the roots to give them a direct course.

Christian Missionaries from this country and elsewhere were making great inroads among their idolatrous religion; yet witchcraft, to some extent still abounds. Medical skill and aid are much needed among them for the lack of which numbers of them die yearly. Rev. Boon is now making a tour, collecting money with which to construct him a suitable building on his return to Africa in the near future. He was given a collection of $10.41. After extending a vote of thanks to the Pastor and good people of the community for their kind treatment during our stay in their midst, the tenth annual session of the Association was brought to a close by prayer by Rev. W. S. Creecy.

REV. K. S. JACOBS, Moderator.
F. E. ROBINSON, Secretary.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

According to announcement a few of the members of the Executive Board met at Boon's Chapel, Monday after the third Sunday in November 1912. Praise service was conducted by Revs. Peter Moses and C. T. Vaughan. Revs. M. Johnson and G. W. Thomas paid their fees of $1.00 each, a motion prevailed that Rev. Woodward become a life member of the Board. A motion prevailed that all ministers shall pay a fee of $2.00, licentiates $1.50 and failing to pay said fees at the association, their names shall not appear on the ministerial roll. Rev. C. T. Vaughan ordained since the sitting of the Association 1911. had the right hand of fellowship extended to him. Rev. W. M. Turner, on recommendation of three ordained ministers became a member of Beulah Association by paying a fee of $1.00 Bower's Chapel through their pastor paid its representation fee. St. Stevens, through its Pastor asked for her letter of dismission, said letter to be granted upon payment of fee at the next session of the Beulah Union. Amount collected $5.50. Expended:—paid Moderator $1.00; Secretary $1.50; Covers for Minutes 50c: total paid out $3.00; balance $2.50 paid over to treasurer. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. Harrison subject to the call of Rev. K. S. Jacobs, Moderator.

F. E. ROBINSON, Clerk.

REPORTS.

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, the Committee on Sunday Schools beg to make the following report:—Whereas the Sunday School is the source from which must come much of our light and knowledge of the Bible, whereas much of the hope of the future church depends upon the great work of the Sunday School for training the youth religiously, Therefore, be is resolved, that the Sunday Schools see to it, first, that they obtain the very best literature; second, that they secure the very best for teachers; third, that they select among them the best for super-

intendents; fourth, that the church ordain no deacon, or call no pastor who takes no part in Sunday School work.

Rev. E. Boon,
L. Powell,
L. J. Day,
} Committee.

OBITUARY.

Whereas the Lord in His wise providence has removed from our midst three of the old deacons of Roanoke Salem Baptist church, Bro. Phillip Garress, Bro. Alex. Harding, Bro. Wm. Walden, who were with us when we were young, and remained with us as long as they were able. Since the sitting of the last Association the Lord has called them from labor to reward; therefore, Be it Resolved that the Association bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

D. I. Barham,
Jett Garress,
Wm Person,
} Committee.

OFFICERS.

We, your committee beg leave to report the following brethren for officers of the Association:—Moderator, Rev. K. J. Jacobs; Vice-Moderator, Rev. J. W. Blacknall; Recording Secretary, F. E. Robinson; Corresponding Secretary, W. T. Garress; Treasurer, B. W. Langford; Historian, J. W. Moore.

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Dr. W. T. H. Woodward, Rev. M. N. Zollicoffer, Rev. K. S. Jacobs, Rev. A. W. Ivey, Rev. J. W. Blacknall, Rev. T. O. Bryant, Rev. D. W. Bradley, Rev. W. H. Jackson, J. W. Moore, F. E. Robinson.

J. W. Blacknall, J. W. Moore,
M. N. Zollicoffer, P. Moses,
L. S. Goings, W. H. Haithcock,
A. W. Ivey.

Committee.

Finance.

We your committee on finance and disbursements beg leave to report the following:

State Convention	$ 8.00
Orphan Asylum	4.50
Foreign Mission	2.70
Garysburg H. School	37.23
Rich Square Academy	74.98
Rev. C. C. Somerville	5.23
Rev C. C. Boon	11.08
Mrs. W. B. Williams	10.50
Rev. J. J. Thompson	4.26
Rev. G. W. Thomas	.30
Finance Committee	4.50
Recording Secretary	5.00
Corresponding Secretary	3.50
Moderator	5.00
Church Sexton	1.00
Church	3.00
Rev. Blacknall, church letters	2.00
Rev. Blacknall, Messenger, St. Con.	5.00
Postage	1.92
Moderator, on programs	2.00
Treasurer	.30
In Treasury	21.50
Total	$221.50

Additional collections made during the year. At a Union meeting held in March 1912, $29.12, one held in December 1912, $51.47, towards payment on a debt on Rich Square Academy. At a meeting held January 1913 $514.47. For Garysburg H. School and Foreign Missions, $63.00, grand total $900.88.

TIME AND PLACE.

We, your committee on Time and Place beg leave to report, That the the next session of the Beulah Baptist Association will be held with the Chapel Hill Baptist church, Tuesday after the first Lord's day in October, 1913.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. Person, K. E. Grant,
E. L. Arrington, N. H. Harrison,
L. Powell, J. B. Hamlin,
Jett Garress, Committee.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

Askew, C. S. ..... Conway, N. C.
Barham, I. ..... Pleasant Hill, "
Baum, J. T. ..... Lasker, "
Bishop. P. A. ..... Rich Square, "
Bishop, J. E. ..... " " "
Grant, Alex ..... Rehoboth, "
Harding, Joseph ..... Jackson, "
Lassiter, Willey ..... Rich Square, "
Whittaker, B. W. ..... " " "

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Boon, A. ..... Franklin, Va.
Boon, E. ..... Bryantown, N. C.
Blacknall, J. W. ..... Garysburg, "
Bryant, T. O. ..... Windsor, "
Clements, C. C. ..... Littleton, "
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Jacobs, K. S. ..... " " "
Jackson, W. H. ..... Garysburg, "
Joyner, J. J. ..... Woodland, "
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Mingie, W. C. ..... Macon, "
Moses, P. ..... Rich Square, "

Sills, J. S. ..... Ahoskie, N. C.
Sprewer, I. ..... Murfreesboro, "
Shepherd, L. ..... Jackson, "
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CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Beulah Baptist Missionary Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be. (a) To advance the cause of Christ among men. (b) To advocate peace and unity among the churches. (c) To encourage Home and Foreign Missions. (d) To promote ministerial education. (e) To aid in maintaining Rich Square Academy and the Garysburg High School.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of ministers from the churches connected with it. Each church shall have a right to send two delegates who must be in good standing and fellowship in the church which they represent. All ordained ministers doing pastorial work in the bounds of this Association shall be considered as members.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall present a letter, stating the condition of the church, the amount of money sent for each special object, certifying the election and naming the delegates.

Art. 5. Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer and Historian, all of whom shall be at each annual meeting, and shall hold their office a term of one year from date of election or until their successors are elected or installed.

Art. 6. Duties of officers—The Moderator shall preside during the deliberations of the Association, shall preserve order, vote in case of a tie, decide questions of order, sign all orders for disbursements of money, and perform all duties devolving upon such office.

Art 7. The Vice-Moderator shall assume all duties of the Moderator in his absence.

Art. 8. The Recording Secretary shall record all the proceedings of each session, sign all orders legally drawn on the Treasurer, compile the minutes for publication and distribute the same when printed among the churches. Moreover he shall keep a true account of all money deposited into, and paid out of the treasury.

Art. 9. The Corresponding Secretary shall keep correspondence with other Associations, religious societies and persons respecting the object of this Association, keep a list of the ordained ministers and render a written report at each annual meeting.

Art. 10. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all funds coming into this Association and disburse the same upon presentation f orders signed by the Moderator and secretary of this body. He shall report annually to the Association the condition of the treasury and shall be held responsible for all money placed in his hands.

Art. 11. Any Missionary Baptist Church may become a member of this Association by representing a petition at any annual meeting through delegates and if admitted shall pay an initiation fee of $2.00 when so received The Moderator shall extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates. The Association will not maintain fellowship with any church that fails to adhere to gospel principle.

Art. 12 There shall be an Executive Board of seven, whose duty it shall be to supervise the work of the Association between its meetings and to disburse the surplus funds for the promotion of the objects of this Association.

Art. 13. This Association shall hold its sessions annually at such times and place as it may deem expedient, and may invite visiting brethren to seats and grant them all the privileges of a legal member, except voting.

Art. 14. Each applicant before being ordained to the gospel ministery shall pass a thorough examination on the following branches of study: Spel ing, reading, writing, arithmetic, greography, grammar, the life of Christ and the apostles, church history, church government and Biblical interpretations. A failure to average 80 per cent, will forbid ordination.

Art. 15. This constitution may be amended at any annual session by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

Section 1. This body shall convene anually at the time and place of oppointment.

Sec. 2. During each annual session it shall meet and adjourn from day to day at the hour fixed by the body.

Sec. 3. All meetings of this body shall be opened and closed by religious exercises.

Sec. 4. A majority of the members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 5. No member shall absent himself temporarily without leave of the Moderator or finally without leave of the body.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

The Beulah Association was organized August 5th, 1903. It continues to grow religiously and financially. Our moderator is a man in the chair first to know him, secondly, to love him. We have some good men in the Association, but the great drawback to them is, their church work is very scanty; but the day is not far distant when the pastors belonging to Beulah Association will controle the work in its bounds. The writer has known the Moderator all of his life, in our boyhood days, we were friends. This great man, so to speak, is leading four thousand people to the kingdom of our God. The Vice-Moderator is a good and great man, doing all in his power to make Beulah one of the leading Associations in North Carolina. These two great men work together, the voice of one is the voice of both.

Our Session of 1912, was held with First Baptist Church, Conway, N. C., Moderator Rev. K. S. Jacobs in the chair, Vice-Moderator, Rev. J. W. Blacknall, Sec. F. E. Robinson. The pastor and deacons made us welcome to the church and their homes. The pastor, Rev. T. O. Bryant and deacons, and Rev. Waff pastor of the white Baptist Church of Conway, made the Association welcome to the town of Conway. Rev. Waff left some very good thoughts with us concerning our race in Africa. He said we should not forget Foreign Mission, we must do more for its cause. This was the banner session of Beulah Association religiously and financially. The Pastor and deacons entertained the Association royally, we hope God will bless them, and the good people for their kindness. We had with us Rev. C. S. Brown, Moderator of our mother association, The West Roanoke. We were inspired by his great speech, we were glad to have the Dr. with us. Another financial worker was with us, Rev. J. S. Sills. He made some very encouraging remarks. This man prays and then talks. I wish we could have more Sills hewn like this man of God. His members are at his back, we all should stand by our pastors in their work. The writer was present at one of the churches of the Moderator when he promised to give more money than any of his flock, if all of our pastors would do like this, we would go to success.

The next Association goes to Chapel Hill Church. Its

pastor, Rev. J. J. Thompson, and people, are going to do all in their power to make the next sitting of the Association a pleasant one for all. The motto of the Association is; Christ in every home, and in our schools. Our most prominent visitors were. Rev. C. C. Sommerville and R. W. Askew, both of Portsmouth, Va., their short stay with us was much enjoyed. We concluded with prayers and hearts devoted to the success of our Schools.

J. W. MOORE,
Historian.

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